

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Michael Delaney, <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Meagan J. Thomasson
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Title: FIXED POOL BONUS METHOD AND APPARATUS		Customer No.	66880

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office action mailed October 16, 2007.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Luciano *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,537,150). Claims 1-15 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tulley *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,179,168 B1).

No claims have been amended, added, or canceled. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims, and contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.